

## Criteria to enter a team in the Japan Cricket League

December 4th, 2017

1. A club will be allowed to enter the competition on an application-approval base. The decision will be made by the JCL Committee in consultation with the JCA Community Cricket Manager. The JCA Community Cricket Manager will examine the criteria which relates to the JCA policies and the club health check.
2. A team must be of a club located in Kanto and meet the club criteria.
3. The club must abide by the laws of cricket, the spirit of cricket, JCA regulations and JCL competition regulations and share the JCA's vision for the growth of cricket in Japan.
4. The club must meet all of the criteria in section A and two of the criteria in section B:
  - A. The club must meet all of the following criteria
    - a. The club is open to new members (players)
    - b. The club has a constitution and a list of committee members is sent to the JCA.
    - c. The club has at least 18 registered players who don't currently play for other JCL clubs.
    - d. The club has a stable player base (regular source of incoming players such as a University/school/junior team it is linked to).
    - e. The club can play at Fuji and Sano on any day during the season.
    - f. The club undertakes a club health check which will be examined (the minimum score is not disclosed).
    - g. The club has participated in a Kanto qualifying tournament for the Japan Cup in at least the last two seasons, demonstrating excellent on-field conduct and sound off-field administration, including completing all necessary Japan Cup administrative tasks in a timely manner. Clubs that have participated in fewer than two seasons of the Japan Cup may be considered under special circumstances.
    - h. The club has a local base and is developing links with its local community.
  - B. The club must meet 2 out of the following 3 criteria
    - i. The club is able to field two teams in the JCL (i.e., at least 22 players available every Saturday/Sunday during the season)
    - j. The club has a junior team that participates in official JCA junior competitions, e.g., Japan U15 league.
    - k. The club regularly delivers junior development activities in line with the JCA Junior Development Programme in a region considered to be its local area.
  - C. The club will be looked upon favourably if it meets any of the following criteria
    - l. The club has a women's team
    - m. The club has access to a playing facility suited for the JCL (hard wicket, and ability to annually book)

### Other changes

- Approved new clubs will be permitted to enter Division 3 (one team) or Division 2&3 (two teams).
- At the conclusion of each season promotion and relegation will apply between divisions.
- New clubs must also have a team in the Japan Cup T20. Clubs cannot simply switch from Japan Cup to JCL.

- Existing clubs have the option of entering a 3rd XI into Division 3 of the JCL from 2018. The same rules shall apply regarding players playing for only one team in one round.

### **Transfers**

- As of 2018, If a player wishes to transfer from one JCL club to another they must gain the consent of both clubs and lodge a JCL transfer form with the JCL committee. A fee will apply for each transfer.
- Transfers need to be approved by the Wednesday preceding a JCL match.
- Players will not be allowed to play for two JCL clubs during a season. Once a player has played one JCL match for the season he cannot request a transfer until the beginning of the following season.
- Players may not play for multiple JCL clubs in different divisions, (as is currently the case).